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OTTAWA (May 14, 2007) - The Honourable Jim Prentice, Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development and Federal Interlocutor for Métis and Non-Status Indians, today announced that Mr. Ron Roach has been appointed Chair of the Nunavut Planning Commission, effective immediately. Mr. Roach replaces Mr. Bob Lyall as Chair.

"I am pleased to welcome Mr. Roach as the new Chair of the Nunavut Planning Commission," said Minister Prentice. "Mr. Roach's broad background in municipal and territorial issues will contribute to the important work of the Nunavut Planning Commission."

Mr. Roach is from Rankin Inlet, Nunavut and is currently employed by Kativik Limited. He has been a member of the Nunavut Planning Commission since November 2005 and has served as interim Chair. From 2000 to 2004, Mr. Roach worked as Senior Administrative Officer for the Hamlet of Rankin Inlet. Prior to 2000, he worked for the territorial government for five years.

The Nunavut Planning Commission was established under the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement and is responsible for land use planning in Nunavut.

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